

WONDERFUL GEN. MUNSTERY.

THE SOLDIER OF FORTUNE WHO HAS JUST DIED IN CHICAGO.

He Fought Duels, Led Revolutions, Flirted With Queens, Spent Fortunes and Made New Ones All His Life and Died Poor at the Age of 58—His Remarkable History as Related by Himself.

Gen. Thomas Hoyer Munster Munstery, who died in a Chicago hospital a week ago, left a wife and seven children in Jersey City. He was born in Baltimore in 1814. His only desert for eighty years was broad and deep.

With these few routine obituary remarks all the tame things that can be said about Gen. Munstery have been said. The rest of the story of his life, as he used to tell it, is a story of blood, of wars, duels, revolutions, court intrigues, flirtations with queens, royal genealogies and buried gold. The General told his diagrams which showed where the gold was buried and that is why he died in poverty.

The excitement in the General's family really began several years before he was born, when his grandmother, Sophia Ankerström, and the rest of the family were driven out of Sweden because Sophia's first cousin killed Gust III, at a masquerade ball. The Ankerströms went to Prussia, where Sophia, a famous Swedish beauty, became the mistress of King Frederick William II., according to the papers of the late Gen. Munstery, who always boasted of his Hohenzollern blood.

The General's father, the late Gen. Munstery's mother, his father was a Danish nobleman whose Irish ancestors had fled from Ireland after the Battle of the Boyne. The name before the flight was Munster. The father was deprived of his place at the Danish court because of a duel and was made Governor of Santa Clara, Cuba, where he died.

His story, hazy in the first chapter, began with a bloodstain on his father's nightgown. He was a family of nobles. The father and mother separated. He never knew what became of his father, but he remembered him as he stood in the house sword in hand and with the blood on his nightgown. The boy and his mother were put in a dungeon for something and fed on bread and sugar. That's how the General acquired the great bulk which landed all his life. When they were released from the dungeon mother and son went to Copenhagen.

At the age of 15 Thomas Munstery really began his own life of adventure. He went into the Danish Navy and served for three years. While in port at Rio de Janeiro he killed his first man, a negro who had insulted him.

After his sea service he went to Stockholm, where he became the pupil of Dr. Linde, the inventor of the Swedish system of massage. Under Linde's instruction he became a famous Swedish masseur, a champion "strong man," a prizefighter, a fencing master and commander of the body guard of the Danish King.

He fought all comers, including the wild men from beyond the frontier, for the amusement of the court, and a palace and treasure were given to him.

The boy from Baltimore was getting along in the world famously when he unfortunately came to the notice of the King of Spain, who was a lady of the court. He was exiled for that and went back to Copenhagen without a ruble. But he managed to get to Cuba, where he made enough of a fortune to go to Berlin and claim a commission in the army on account of his Hohenzollern blood.

His first adventure after getting out of jail was to fall in love with a woman whom he had never seen. He was hungry for a fight and hurried off to Nicaragua where he got several. He served there in several revolts and was killed in the last one. He was buried in the United States Navy. He saw some service and was then put in the naval hospital at Portsmouth, N. H., for treatment.

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From Nicaragua he went to Cuba with Narciso Lopez, thence to the United States of Colombia, where he fought for the cause of Jose Maria Melo. To save his neck he escaped to this city and in 1855 went back to Copenhagen where he happened to be in the nick of time. He was charged with a duel in the affair of honor. The Spaniard sent him to Madrid, where he fought for the cause of the king, with much gold. The Government sent him to Cuba to teach the soldiers there how to use their swords and bayonets. He landed at Puerto Principe just in time to get into a game of monte at the palace. It was a feast day. Munstery lost all of his Spanish gold on the game. That was the seventh fortune he had lost.

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BOSS COUNTERFEITER TELLS.

Rosengarten's Evidence Likely to Convince Nine Others Nabbed With Him.

The ten alleged counterfeiters, including Moritz Putterman and his wife, who were recently bagged in Astoria, were arraigned for trial in the United States District Court in Brooklyn yesterday before Judge Thomas.

Moses Rosengarten, who pleaded guilty and who was supposed to be the leader of the gang, was an important witness for the prosecution. He detailed the methods of coining the money, which included spurious 25 and 10-cent pieces, and a Russian coin of the value of about 25 cents. He testified that Moritz Putterman, one of the prisoners, was the chief backer of the gang. The trial was not concluded.

Rosengarten was released from the Eastern Penitentiary in February, 1901, after a year ago, after serving a five years' term for counterfeiting. He protested that he had been unjustly convicted, and through the Russian Consul in New York forwarded a claim to Washington for damages for false imprisonment. He succeeded, it is said, in convincing the authorities of his innocence and was about to receive a substantial award when he was arrested again.

OLD GUARD DANCE AND DRILL. The Annual Ball of the Organization Will Take Place on Jan. 23.

The Old Guard is to give its annual ball at the Metropolitan Opera House on Thursday evening, Jan. 23. Major H. Ellis Briggs, with his officers, has just finished sending out invitations to the ball, which will be held with the crest of the Old Guard. The ball this year is to be more brilliant than ever, as no tickets are sold, and invitations must be obtained from the officers and members. The few boxes and seats left may be obtained at 50 cents.

The music will be furnished by the two Old Guard bands, consisting of 100 men each. The orchestra will be led by the two Old Guard bands, consisting of 100 men each. The orchestra will be led by the two Old Guard bands, consisting of 100 men each. The orchestra will be led by the two Old Guard bands, consisting of 100 men each.

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BOLD PLOT TO GRAB ALL ITS RICH GOLD CLAIMS.

The Conviction at San Francisco Last Monday of Judge Noyes Recalls One of the Most Remarkable Chapters in the History of Alaska's Mining Boom.

The sentencing at San Francisco on Monday of Judge Noyes, District Attorney Wood and C. S. A. Frost, the Federal officials implicated in the mining fraud cases at Nome, Alaska, all of whom were found guilty of contempt of court in refusing to obey the orders of the higher court, was the final chapter of a remarkable conspiracy. The object of this conspiracy was to secure possession of all the mining claims at Nome through false processes of law. For nearly three months of last year, from July until the latter part of September, the plot worked so well that the camps of Nome were completely in the grasp of the plotters.

During the time the supreme dictator was Alexander McKenzie, who had gone out there as President of the East Alaska Gold Mining Company, formed to get possession of every mine in that part of Alaska. For a time, according to the evidence adduced, McKenzie, Noyes and Frost, the plotters, were in the city, shut up in Nome, 3,000 miles from Seattle, defied the summonses of the higher courts issued for them and until they could be reached by United States Marshals practically ran things to suit themselves.

It was not till last February that punishment came to the plotters. McKenzie, then he was sentenced by the court whose mandate he had scorned to a year's imprisonment and a fine. He served four months of this and then on the ground of broken health President McKinley pardoned him. Now, by the sentence of the same court, Noyes, a present, said to be lying in a sanatorium, must pay a fine of \$1,000 for contempt and District Attorney Woods and C. S. A. Frost, his assistant, must serve four months and a year respectively in jail.

While the case was tried solely along the lines of contempt of the conspiracy charge was supported in the opinions of the judges by the evidence of a grave conspiracy existing, and Judge Ross going so far as to say for the minority that "on account of the grave purposes of the defendants the punishment was totally inadequate." The evidence of a grave conspiracy existing, and Judge Ross going so far as to say for the minority that "on account of the grave purposes of the defendants the punishment was totally inadequate."

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WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL SOLD?

Report That the Wabash Has Acquired the Road and Coal Fields.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 7.—It was said here to-night that the Wabash Railroad had purchased the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railroad. A New York broker, named Fuller, represented the West Virginia road, and during the negotiations in New York which resulted in the sale of the Western attorneys of the Wabash, a Kansas City man, was present.

The purchase by the Wabash would mean much for Cumberland, including the building of a line from this point to connect with the Western Maryland at Hagerstown, a survey for which was made by way of Hancock by the West Virginia Central. At Hagerstown an outlet to tidewater would be secured over the Western Maryland. It would be a formidable rival of the Baltimore and Ohio.

General Manager Calton L. Bretz of the West Virginia Central said this afternoon: "The negotiations for the sale of the road and its coal property, which have been pending in New York, were closed yesterday afternoon, but to whom, under what conditions and for what interests the terms were made I do not know."

Thomas B. Davis, a director and brother of former Senator Henry G. Davis, President, who made the sale, has returned from New York. While here today he would add nothing to what General Manager Bretz said. The coal property included in the sale embraces several hundred thousand acres. The purchase price is said to be in reality \$14,000,000, while concessions worth \$3,000,000 additional were obtained.

Benjamin A. Rummel, local attorney of the road, has been already defeated by the Wabash. Rummel, local attorney of the road, has been already defeated by the Wabash. Rummel, local attorney of the road, has been already defeated by the Wabash.

ASK THE GOVERNOR FOR HELP. Reform Association in Harlem Wants to Punish Dupees of the Governor.

A special committee of the Riverside and Morningside Heights Association wrote to Gov. Odell, on Dec. 31, that the association was trying to close up the saloons and dance halls on 110th street, and asking that the Governor help by directing Excise Commissioner Cullinan to sue the sureties of a number of the saloonkeepers whose licenses have been revoked as a result of the evidence collected by the association's agents. On the same day a committee went to Commissioner Cullinan, notifying him of the letter sent to the Governor and submitting evidence against two saloonkeepers, whose licenses the Commissioner had declined to take up.

There was a meeting of the association at 107th street and Broadway last night. J. Silvers, editor of the "Morning Post," of the committee, reported that Gov. Odell had acknowledged the receipt of the communication, and that he had stated that he had turned the entire matter over to Commissioner Cullinan. The association decided not to do anything further until it heard from Commissioner Cullinan.

NEW TRUST COMPANY. Preliminaries are understood to have been completed for the formation of a new trust company in this city, with a capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$500,000, to be known as the Trust Company of the Republic. It is expected to be ready to begin business in February or March.

John Piening, the "Butcher Boy," who is filling an engagement at the Olympic Theatre, Harlem, this week, meeting "all comers," found an ambitious and rather tough customer in Billy Edwards, of the "New York Herald," who is a well-known man, strong and vigorous, with a fair knowledge of the game. He was not afraid, either, and made a bold bid for the 25 which Johnny Dunn offers to any wrestler, irrespective of weight, who can stay fifteen minutes with Piening. Last night he was victorious, and after a long and hard fight he was able to stay fifteen minutes with Piening.

Two Strangers Brought Bittard Home and Then Ran Away. Alois Bittard, a mechanic of 22 Scholles street, Williamsburg, was brought home on Monday evening by two men who left him on the stoop and ran away. He seemed to be in a state of confusion, and did not know what had happened to him. Neighbors carried him into the house, where he soon recovered his senses. He had been drinking and was in a state of confusion. He did not know what had happened to him. Neighbors carried him into the house, where he soon recovered his senses.

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Finance Hails in a Steam Cook, Then Goes On. The steamship Finance, which sailed yesterday for Colon, stopped at the Highlands on the way out for an hour. She was enveloped in steam for a short time and the shore observers, though some steam pipe had burst. The Finance, however, soon went on her way.

Gossip of the Ring. Billy Maynard of this city says that if Abe Attell of "Frisco" fails to induce Terry McGovern to fight him, he will take Attell on at 12 pounds. Tommy Moran, the Brooklyn featherweight, says that Tommy Fiske broke out of his (Moran's) cage in the fight with him, and that he is on his way to this city and says that when he gets here he will be challenging Fiske for another fight.

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WANT YOUNG CORBETT ABROAD.

Dr. Ordway Says Jack Roberts Will Fight McGovern's Conqueror.

Dr. Ordway, the former American representative of the National Sporting Club, London, returned from England yesterday on the steamship Saxonia. Ordway went abroad about two months ago on business. He said: "I have promised to look after the National Sporting Club's interests until another man can be obtained. When I left England everybody was discussing the possibilities of arranging a contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries. The National Sporting Club is still eager to have the men clash, but what price it will offer or what the boxes mean to do about it I don't know."

It was much surprised to learn of Terry McGovern's defeat by Young Corbett. It is more than likely that a match between Corbett and Jack Roberts, the present 120-round champion of England, will soon be made. If Corbett ever goes to England he will be treated with every consideration. A match between Roberts and Corbett in England would be certain to attract a large crowd, create unlimited talk and much money would be exchanged hands. In Roberts' opinion England has turned out one of the best fighters since the days of Charlie Mitchell and Billy Edwards. He is a stiff puncher, and he will be treated with every consideration. A match between Roberts and Corbett in England would be certain to attract a large crowd, create unlimited talk and much money would be exchanged hands.

Corbett wants to visit America and it would not surprise me to see him sail for the United States immediately after his victory over Corbett. I shall try and see Young Corbett and arrange a match, the same to take place next Derby day.

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